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1. The Supreme Economic Council in Sofia has issued secret and urgent instructions to the various "district economic chambers" throughout Bulgaria to order a re-registration of all artisans and semi-artisans. The re-registration is to be completed before 10 September 1947. Two similar notices were issued, both dated 8 August 1947.
2. Both circulars state that the registration is "important for the economic welfare of the country." It is believed by some quarters in Bulgaria that the registration is a preparation for a war which is to break out within the next two months when the Soviet Union is expected to occupy Greece and Turkey.
3. A translation of one of the circulars follows.

CIRCULAR

To Mr. _____, Mayor

Varna, 8 August 1947

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City

Re: General registration of skilled and semi-skilled artisans and their enterprises in the region.

District

In connection with the Two-Year National Economic Plan for 1947 and for the purpose of collecting statistics necessary for the completion of the plan for the region for 1948, you are ordered by the decree of the Supreme Economic Council to conduct a re-registration of all active artisan and semi-artisan enterprises in the region. Because of its urgent nature, this task is to be accomplished by 10 September 1947 at the latest.

We want to impress upon you that the general re-registration, which is obligatory for all active artisan and semi-artisan enterprises in the entire country, is no routine and formal statistical research, but a serious and consequential economic task for the purpose of ascertaining the actual numbers of active concerns, and a final call to all artisan and semi-artisan concerns to re-register. It will prove fatal to all who fail to carry out

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the re-registration satisfactorily.

To execute this urgent and responsible task, the Chamber has secured the collaboration of the district committees of artisans. The regional associations are entrusted with the task of furnishing essential forms and re-registration cards and will cooperate fully in carrying out the important task.

Your competent cooperation for the speedy execution of this decree is imperative and will be appreciated.

In order to avoid a recurrence of certain incidents which took place in the past when similar registrations were not taken seriously, we are requesting you to take the measures necessary to control the registration, and to review all registrations to establish that all questions on the form are adequately answered as well as to see that all registration forms are stamped with a 20 leva stamp for the Artisans Pension fund. When the registrations are properly filled out, collect them in a package and send them to our offices so that they will be delivered not later than 10 September 1947.

The following instructions are given for the purpose of carrying out the re-registration:

- a. All artisans and semi-artisan firms legally open on 24 April this year are subject to general re-registration. In addition to filling out the new cards for re-registration as prescribed, the owners will be instructed to correct the previous registration cards.
- b. Artisan firms established after 24 April and operating at present, may obtain immediate authorization from the Chamber under decree Law No. 7550. They also must re-register in order to be treated as legal establishments.
- c. Registered semi-artisan firms which were active and legally established on 24 April this year will also be subject to general re-registration.
- d. Semi-artisan establishments which came into being since 24 April 1947 and are now operating must obtain permission for operation according to decree No. 7550. Immediately thereafter, they shall register in order to be entitled to treatment as legally authorized firms.
- e. This re-registration in the entire country is of tremendous importance to the national economic plan. The Chamber will appreciate your voluntary cooperation for the good of the Fatherland Front, and in this spirit we are expecting you to fulfill your obligation without the necessity of further reminders and warnings.

General Secretary:

D. Petrov

President:

V. Ignatov

4. The second circular is similar, addressed to the Chairman of the District Committee of Artisans.

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